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Exhibit 2

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Memorandum

To: Malcolm Wright

Date: April 17, 2001

From: Marie Concemi

Subject: Patent Search

Dear Malcolm:

Attached is information on a 1 way system for holding sutures. It allows the suture to slide in one direction and prevents the suture from sliding back in the opposite direction. Would you please conduct a prior art search for this invention. Is 2 weeks a reasonable time for your completion?

Please confirm by E-mail. If you need any further information, just give me a call.

Thanks for all your help.

Marie

Marie Concemi

Attachment

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Tissue Anchor. 1 of 3 pages

A tissue anchoring device is envisioned which has two one way cleats (though only one may be required). having a post to wind a suture around. This will create an assembly with the suture that can be used for holding down tissue. eg cartilage, into a defect. The anchors are design to hold into a hole so that when the suture is tensioned they do not pull out.

The chief advantages of this design are.

a, Assembly with the repair tissue done on side stand.

b. Ease of use

c. No knots on articular surface

d. Low cost

These anchors could be used in pairs or in any multiple.

Material could be a absorbable polymer eg pga. or metal or plastic.

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issue is threaded with suture, suture passed thru anchor
nen back thru tissue.

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utures pulled to snug tissue into defect.

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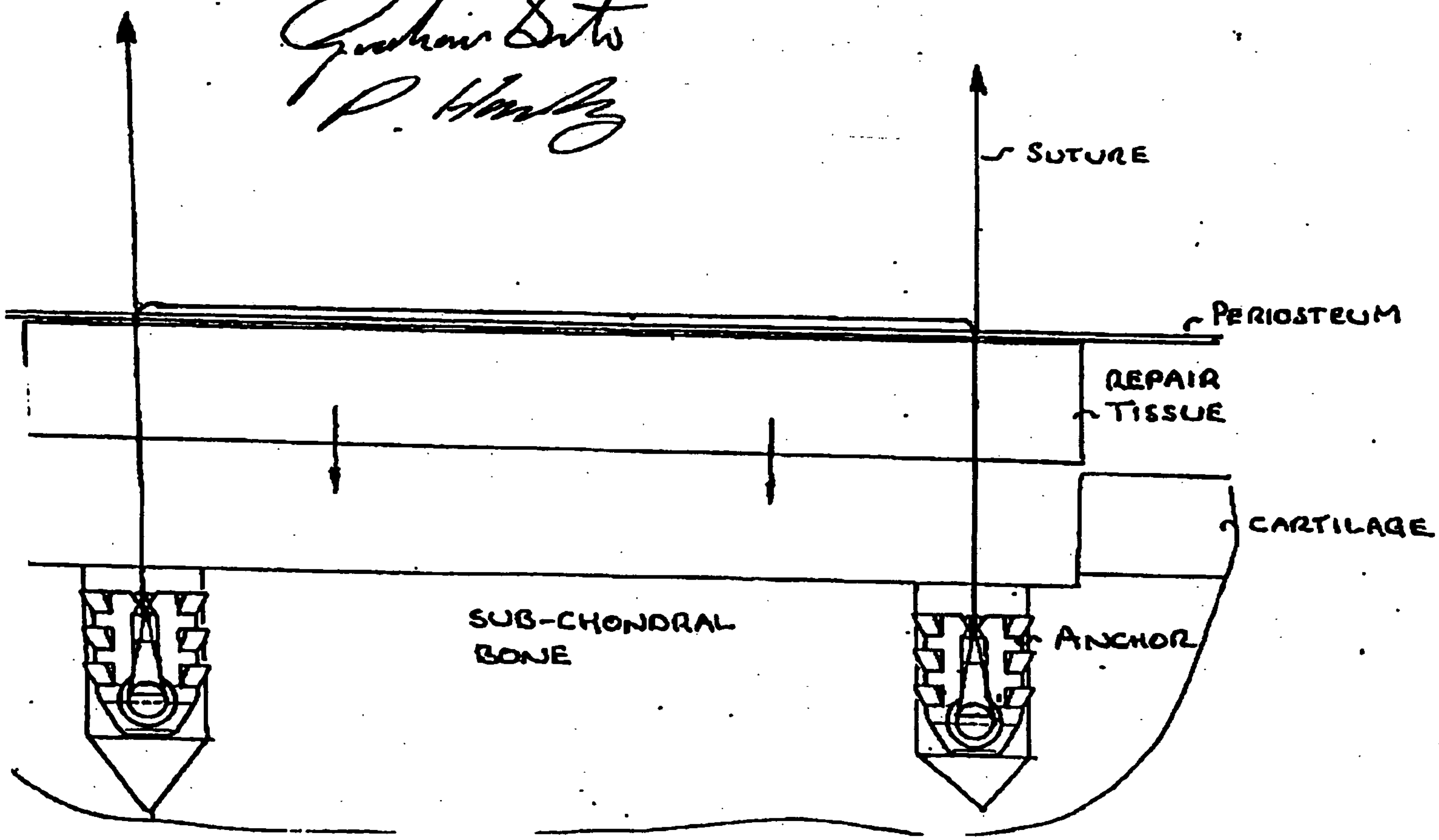

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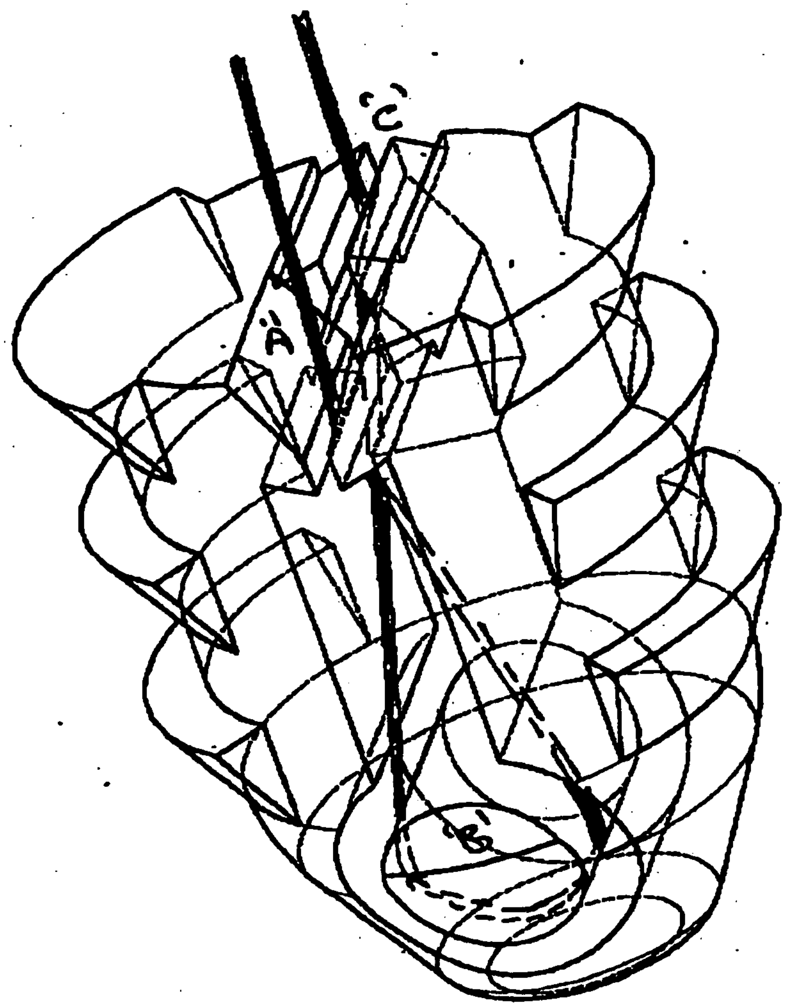

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